

## **Chepachet Fire District**

### **Executive Board – Monthly Meeting**

**August 26th, 2015**

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, August 26th, 2015. Chairman Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present were Robert Lohr, Lynda Martone and George Leonhardt. Also present were Treasurer David Steere, District Clerk/Secretary Darlene Shields, Chief Robert Dauphinais and Tax Collector Patricia Svansson and Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis. Also present was Mr. William Cardin.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

All members have received copies of the minutes for July 15, 2015 Executive Board Monthly Meeting for their review.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed unanimously.

#### **Tax Collector's Report:**

Mrs. Svansson noted there were 8 deposits made in July totaling \$8,793.08. On July 31st, 2015 Plat 13 Lot 28B was redeemed. That property was not sold at the tax sale and reverted back to the Fire

**District. The Fire District made \$228.15 in interest.**

**Motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to accept the Tax Collector's Monthly Reports for July 2015, second by Mr. Lohr and passed unanimously.**

**Treasurer Report:**

**Mr. Steere presented the Monthly Report for July 2015 as it is the first of their year so not a lot of expenses. On the last page \$727,000 in funds \$381,000 restricted funds leaving \$340,000 in operation funds. Third Party was good for the month of July we collected \$13,404. There was also an insurance check in the amount of \$5484.00 to replace the damaged cutters.**

**Motion made by Mr. Lohr to accept the Treasurer's Reports for July 2015, 2015, second by Mrs. Martone and Passed unanimously.**

**Chief's Report:**

**Motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to accept the Chief's Monthly Reports February, second by Mrs. Martone and passed unanimously.**

**Committee: Charter Committee: Tabled**

**Rescue Committee – Bids have been reviewed and ready to make a**

**recommendation to the board**

**Personnel Committee - Tabled**

**Old Business:**

**1. Street Lights:**

**Mrs. Shields had been in contact with PRISM and they have cashed the check and will start working on reviewing the inventory.**

**2. Communication Upgrades:**

**Chief Dauphinais advised that Marcus Communication did the structure analysis on the towers and reported that there would need to upgrades needed to handle the weight of the equipment. The cost for the upgrades would be \$25,000 (approx. \$8,000 per district)**

**There is the possibility at Pat Luther on Willie Woodhead may be looking to put up a tower. Spectra Company owns the tower on Durfee Hill Rd and that tower has a 90' max. All the other towers are ready to go.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Appointment of Board Member:**

**Motion made by Mr. Newman to appoint William Cardin to fill the vacant seat on the board until the Annual Meeting on June 11th. 2016 where Mr. Cardin will be elected to fill the remaining, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed unanimously.**

## **2. Rescue Bids**

**Chief made advised the on July 8th, 2015 there 5 bids submitted and opened and reviewed.**

**1. Bulldog Height of Rescue too tall to fit in the station**

**2. Greenwood Emergency Vehicles Height of Rescue too tall to fit in the station**

**3. Specialty Vehicles - Both Bids are for Rescues that are too Tall to Fit into the station**

## **4. Minuteman**

**Minuteman's Bid was the most compliant with 2 minor issues. Height of the truck is 109" which will fit into the station**

**Total Bid is \$246,224 with all the options. Minuteman was also the company who built Tanker 12 our last truck and overall everyone is happy with the truck. There is also a possibility of a \$3,200 discount. Radio is not included and cost will be \$2,000 - \$3,000. It takes**

**approximately 180 days for the truck to be built.**

**Board will take the bids under advisement and table awarding the bid until next month.**

### **3. Investing / Navigant:**

**Treasurer Mr. Steere has been in contact with Daniel O'Brien from Navigant and was told that the District could put more than \$250,000 in Navigant and the money will be insured. Mr. Steere mentioned that forms will be to be signed and submitted to get approval for the insurance on the extra funds.**

**Motion made by Mrs. Martone to move \$150,000 of funds from the PIP account at Citizens Bank to the money market at Navigant, second by Mr. Newman and passed unanimously.**

### **4. Tax Sale Resolution:**

**Tax Collector Patricia Svansson read the Tax Sale Resolution for the Tax Sale to be held on September 11, 2015 at 10:00. Tax Collector Mrs. Svansson provided a list of 20 properties that are currently still on the Tax Sale List for being 2 or more years in back taxes.**

**Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the Tax Sale Resolution as read, second by Mr. Lohr and passed unanimously.**

## **5. Annual Gloucester Firefighters Steak fry**

**Chief Dauphinais mentioned the Annual Steak fry will be on October 3rd at Watmough's Camp Ground 4pm -8pm.**

**The next meeting will be the Monthly Meeting on September 16th, 2015 at 6:30pm**

**With no further business at this time, motion made by Mr. Lohr to adjourn, second by Mrs. Martone and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.**

**Respectfully submitted, ~~~~~~**

**Darlene L Shields**

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**District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District**